(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure that benefit of lower concessional customs duty wherever allowed goes to the consumer and not to the manufacturer; and

(d) what is the normal customs duty on medicines, bulk drugs, intermediates and what are the names of items on which exemption and concessional duty have been allowed alongwith the basis of such action in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Drugs fall within Chapter No. 29 or 30 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. While the general statutory rate on the items covered by these chapters is 100 per cent, drugs generally carry an effective rate of basic duty of 60 per cent *ad-valorem*. Auxiliary duty at the rate of 40 per cent *ad valorem* and additional (countervailing) duty are leviable in addition. It is not possible to list out the names of all the drugs, as their umber is very large.

(b) The basic customs duty on drugs has not been enhanced recently.

(c) The administrative Ministry concerned ensures that the benefit of concessional duty, wherever given, is passed on to the consumers.

(d) The general effective basic customs duty on drugs including bulk drugs and medicines is 60 per cent and on drug intermediates, 70 per cent *ad valorem*. It is not possible to list out the names of the drugs, bulk drugs, medicines and drug intermediates which carry concessional rates of duty as also the basic therefor in each case, as their number is very large. The exemption notifications issued under the Customs Act, 1962 are laid on the Table of the House, generally with an Explanatory Memorandum.

**दरभंगा जिले में बैंक अधिकारियों द्वारा राजसहायता प्रदान करने में कथित विलम्ब**

2453. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव**: क्या वित्त मंत्री 8 मई, 1984 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1045 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बोरिंग करके कुएं बनाने और पम्प-सैटों के लिये राजसहायता की राशि मंजूर करने में बैंक अधिकारियों द्वारा जो कथित विलम्ब किया गया उसकी जांच का क्या निष्कर्ष निकला है?

**वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी)**: जांच पड़ताल से पता चला कि सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया की केवटी शाखा ने मई—जुलाई, 1983 में स्वयं जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी (डी० आर० डी० ए०) दरभंगा को मई—जुलाई 1983 के दौरान बोरिंगों और पम्प सैटों के वास्ते मंजूर किये गए ऋणों के सम्बन्ध में आर्थिक सहायता के दावे भेजे थे और इस प्रकार बैंक की ओर से इसमें कोई विलम्ब नहीं हुआ। जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी के साथ सम्पर्क किया गया था और उसने सूचित किया है कि प्रक्रियाधीन जांच के पूरा हो जाने पर आर्थिक सहायता दे दी जाएगी।

**Raid by the Income Tax Department on Cloth Merchants in Ahmedabad**

2454. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various premises of certain cloth merchants of New Cloth Market, Ahmedabad (having handloom textiles manufacturing units) were raided by the Income Tax Department some time in June, 1981; if so, what are the details thereof;